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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S.
patent application as follows:

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This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/586,952, filed on June 5, 2000, which is hereby incorporated in its entirety by reference.

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Cancel claims 10-15.

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REMARKS

This is a divisional application of U.S. application Ser. No. 09/586,952 (the "952 application"), filed on June 5, 2000.

No new matter has been added to the specification. Claims 10-15, which are being prosecuted in the '952 application, are canceled herein. The application now contains claims 1-9.

Each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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